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Applicant: Hake et al.
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SEAT COMPRISING AN
INTEGRATED PROTECTIVE
DEVICE
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Sir:

Prior to prosecution, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

(Nt) Please replace the present specification with the attached substitute specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125. A marked-up version of the substitute specification showing all the changes to the specification of record is also attached.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24.

Please add the following new claims:

1 25. (New) A seatback for a vehicle seat, the seatback having an
2 integrated protective device, comprising:
3 a lower back part adapted to be joined to a seat part;
4 an upper back part that is pivotable relative to the lower back part out of
5 a normal use position, about an axis extending in the seatback transversely to a
6 longitudinal vehicle axis, through an angular range in a pivoting direction pointing

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